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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM: [REDACTED]

Director of Scientific and Weapons Research

SUBJECT: Translation Service

1. The other day I approved the transfer of [REDACTED] to FBIS for a complete translation of a Soviet book on laser technology. I was informed that OSWR funding was necessary because funds for translation at JPRS have been cut as a result of budget reductions. While the [REDACTED] cost is modest, I believe this represents a deeper problem and I therefore want to share my concerns on this matter with you in the hope that we can jointly protect the JPRS translation service from further cuts. I hope ultimately that your translation service can be expanded.

2. Two issues appear to me to be important here. The first is that analytical offices are under increasing pressure to perform the kind of intelligence data processing which has traditionally been provided as a basic service. This is, of course, false economy because the government pays one way or another.

3. My second concern is more serious. I find it almost incomprehensible that cuts have been made in open source processing at a time when this material is increasing in importance. For example, the DCI's Executive Steering Group for the Exploitation of Overt Information recently submitted, and John McMahon approved, a set of recommendations increasing community emphasis on open source processing. Budget cuts during the current Fiscal Year fly in the face of these recommendations. Beyond this OSWR and other S&T centers are developing new computer based analytical tools, such as our multimillion dollar PINNACLE system to effectively use open source material and integrate it with other intelligence sources. Continuation of this and similar efforts requires an increasing volume of high quality translated S&T material.

4. Perhaps we could get together soon to discuss this issue. In the meantime I will welcome any opportunity to support your efforts to restore and expand this vital service.

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